

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL WEEK

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I respectfully submit the following two poems into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, authored by longtime U.S. Capitol tour guide Albert Caswell in honor of National Police Memorial Week:

IN HONOR OF TWO SLAIN OFFICERS, JACOB CHESTNUT AND JOHN GIBSON, AND OFFICER JOHN McMILLIAN ON THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL WEEK AT THE U.S. CAPITOL

#### THE UNSUNG HERO

A Hero!  
A quiet man . . .  
A calm and careful caring man, with a sure  
and steady hand . . .  
While there just waiting . . . waiting . . .  
waiting . . . to make his stand . . .  
A time . . . when all life and death upon him  
so depend and lie . . . all within his  
hands . . .  
A transformation, from a mere mortal . . .  
all to a Gotham-like Superman!  
A Hero!  
This unsung man . . .  
Quietly, ever so moving on his way . . .  
Quintessentially humble, throughout each  
and every passing day . . .  
Questioning and there qualifying . . . observ-  
ing all . . . while, upon his way . . .  
Quantifying, reading and measuring care-  
fully, as we see him both night and day  
. . .  
Quiet, until that one moment, that one in-  
stant, that one day, until out there on  
harm's way . . .  
This unsung man . . .  
That moment of truth . . .  
That time when all hell around him so  
breaks loose . . .  
That split second of life or death, that real  
moment of truth . . .  
That reaction, his response . . . determining  
if evil will win or lose . . .  
Quiet stealthiness erupting, as this dark evil  
he pursues, a hero, a real American  
who's who . . .  
Who without regard of his own life to lose, as  
these grave decisions as he must so  
choose . . .  
That moment of truth!  
Reacting all in time . . .  
Reaching that edge, where life and death are  
all so defined . . .  
Reading the moment, instinctively pre-  
serving life, with but this thin blue line  
. . .  
Responding all there within these precious  
moments in time . . . as his true heart  
we find . . .  
Rushing into the darkest of all dangers . . .  
while there, caution he so heroically  
leaves so very far behind . . .  
Relief, it's all over . . . as there in the midst  
of grief, so brilliantly he now so  
shines . . .  
Reacting all in time . . .  
As, he's saving lives . . .

As all of the loved ones he has spared, all be-  
cause he cared, on this day . . .  
All living to see another sunset . . . basking  
in the sunrise as together they . . .  
Life guards . . . whose heroism its so splen-  
didly portrayed . . . as onward they so  
make their way . . .  
Liege, as to them we so our allegiance owe  
. . . as now so quietly back to work he  
so goes this day . . .  
Letting none know, waiting until that one  
moment of truth The Unsung Hero, as  
for him we pray . . .  
As, he's saving lives . . .

A Hero, This Unsung Man . . . That Moment  
Of Truth . . . Reacting All In Time . . .  
As He's Saving Lives!

Dedicated to All Great Americans and  
these officers Chestnut . . . Gibson . . . and  
McMillian . . . who are the personification of  
the words 'Unsung Hero'

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IN MEMORY, ON NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL  
WEEK AT THE CAPITOL, OF SLAIN OFFICERS  
JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT AND JOHN MICHAEL  
GIBSON ON THE UPCOMING 10TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF THEIR DEATHS, JULY 24TH 1998

#### UP TO THE LORD, THEY WOULD RISE

On one bright warm sunny day in July . . .  
As two great American Heroes were to lay  
down their lives . . .  
People stunned and confused, asking that  
age old eternal question, why?  
As few noticed on that day, as two bright  
lights were heading up into the  
skies . . .  
As straight to heaven, their souls to our  
Lord they would rise . . .  
In this our world, no woman or man . . . nor  
even a child . . . can know of or plan,  
of this their final fate or time . . .  
As when one's life passage which is so very  
precious, which is so very fine . . . will  
end without reason or rhyme . . .  
Until tested . . . while acting on a clarion  
call, will we be the ones ever standing  
tall . . . while standing in death's  
line?  
For on this bright and beautiful sunny day in  
July, as two great American heroes in  
harm's way stood . . . as our nation  
she would find!  
As straight up to heaven, their souls to our  
Lord they would rise . . .  
For all of the children and wives, now with-  
out husbands or dads . . . oh how so  
very unjust, so very sad . . .  
As there is no greater courageous act, which  
can be . . . than while in the line of  
ones duty, gallantly forsaking the life  
that you have . . .  
To all those men, women and children who  
were spared . . . forever remember  
how they cared . . . ever hold in your  
hearts, the good not the bad . . .  
In the Kingdom of our Lord, one's  
life . . . for there is no greater gift,  
nor is there such higher sacrifice, so  
rejoice . . . for they are in our Lord's  
arms, be glad.  
As straight up to Heaven, their souls to our  
Lord they would rise . . .  
Let not this day always be remembered for  
that one lone foul coward's evil  
attack . . .  
Instead . . . ever look on the goodness of  
mankind and those heroic hearts which

were so to find these unselfish Chris-  
tian acts!

Now, honor our Fallen Heroes ever in this  
way . . . so forever in our hearts, their  
great deeds of valor shall so  
stay . . . so warmly so intact . . .

For on this dark . . . dark . . . dark day of  
evil . . . as two lone brave hearts  
stood . . . bringing light . . . bringing  
good . . . for their courage would not  
lack . . .

As straight up to Heaven, their souls up to  
our Lord as they would rise . . .

To the children and the wives, who have lost  
the ones ever so close . . . their grave  
sacrifice means everything, just the  
most!

A Dr. King or a woman who just might save  
the world, as from all of these unselfish  
Christian acts . . . as we may soon  
warmly boast . . .

Families hugging and crying, all still  
intact . . . all because two heroes now  
lay dying . . . as on this day, death  
came so very . . . very . . . very  
close . . .

For the names of Chestnut & of Gibson, we  
shall now forever carry in our hearts,  
just everything . . . all! As these fine  
magnificent souls gave the most!

Surely, those two bright lights heading up  
into the skies, were but their fine  
souls . . . as up to Heaven they had  
closed . . .

As straight up to Heaven, their precious  
souls to our Lord . . . they rose!

In Memory of Officers Chestnut and Gib-  
son, to the Families, our prayers and  
thoughts are with you, we cherish the honor  
& great privilege to have known & served  
with such fine men of character & great  
honor . . . And to all the men and women in  
blue who showed their true & great worth on  
this day of heroes . . . May God Bless  
you . . .

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## FORMER IMF HEAD CALLS FOR REGULATION TO TAME THE "MONSTER" FINANCIAL MARKET

### HON. BARNEY FRANK

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, for much of the past decade, we have had a debate between those calling for substantial deregulation in the financial markets, and those of us who are concerned that we did not have sufficient regulation to deal with the powerful innovations that we have seen in that market recently. Recent experience, in which disarray in the financial markets due in part to an absence of sensible regulation has led to serious economic problems in the world, very much strengthens the argument for appropriate public intervention that

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